February 27, 2017

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Diane G. Feinstein
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
152 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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RE: Nomination of Rachel L. Brand

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

I have known and worked with Rachel Brand for several years on a wide variety of criminal justice and crime victims’ rights issues. Through all this work together, Rachel has always demonstrated a brilliant mind, practical insights, the highest ethical standards, and an overriding passion for the pursuit of justice. Any of these qualities in and of themselves should be sufficient to recommend her for confirmation as the Associate Attorney General. Rachel embodies all of them. I respectfully urge your support for her confirmation.

On the issues we have worked most closely on, expanding rights for crime victims, Rachel has shown each of these qualities. She provided significant leadership when the Department of Justice implemented the Crime Victim’s Rights Act. This was a considerable challenge and Rachel served the DOJ and the nation’s victims well.
Rachel will bring honor to the Department and to our country in her service at DOJ. She brings with her the respect of many crime victim advocates. Her bipartisan confirmation will also be in the very best traditions of the United States Senate. I thank you so much for considering my support and for the good work you do for all our people. All my best.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Steven J. Twist